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8 p.m.

St. Paul's Parish House Auditorium
2430 K Street N.W.

guest speakers:

Clifton B. Smith
and
Wesley Long

Inside District Politics

by John Landgraf

The Foggy Bottom Association's meeting on October 27 promises an engaging inside look at District politics with its inevitable connections with those of our larger area and those of the nation as a whole. While no controversial endorsements are promised, the background information to be provided will supply useful data for every voter on November 6 and for many elections to come.

The featured speaker is Clifton B. Smith, Chief of District Staff for Congressional Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy, who will appear at 8:00 P.M. on Monday, October 27 at St. Paul's Parish House Auditorium, 2430 K St. N.W. Those who know him will testify that Smith is both a practical observer and a skilled behind-the-scenes participant in Washington affairs, and in national affairs as seen from the viewpoint of the District of Columbia.

A native of the District, Mr. Smith went through City schools and on through Howard University to a beginning in graduate work in educational administration as well as a teacher's post in the City's school system. Service here led to a year's leave to make a study of program alternatives elsewhere in the country to those in the local system, and to a major role on his return in the establishment then of the Armstrong Adult Learning Laboratory here.

But a need for a more activist role led in 1968 to the then-growing non-profit side of Pride Inc., where he began as Educational Coordinator and wound up after three years as Deputy Director. Part of this time was spent in a joint black student-finding project with American University, where he decided to take a law degree.

With his Doctorate of Jurisprudence completed he took a post with the old D.C. Board of Higher Education as Counsel and Press Assistant, and began to actively volunteer in local politics. He joined Walter Fauntroy in 1975 and has continued there since. In addition to heading the Congressman's D.C. Staff Mr. Smith, 39, also serves at appropriate times as his Campaign Manager, as liaison with the Congressional Black Caucus, and works in close association with the nationwide effort of the D.C. Voters Rights Service Corporation to add a Constitutional Amendment providing the District of Columbia with a firm separate government.

Also appearing on the program will be Dr. Wesley Long, representing the Statehood Initiative Committee. He will be speaking about the D.C. Statehood Constitutional Convention Initiative, which is appearing on the ballot this November 4.

The initiative is the first step in a process which could lead to statehood for the district. The initiative itself was the subject of a legal challenge, but was ruled a proper subject for voter consideration by D.C. courts.

Dr. Long has been an ANC Commissioner in Southwest D.C. for four years. He is a member of the Mayor's Overall Economic Development Advisory Committee and the D.C. Public Service Commission. He was Acting Director of Industrial Economics at the Department of Commerce and has taught at Pennsylvania State University.

Sudden Demolition of Tammany Hall Surprises Local Residents



2100 Block of Pennsylvania Avenue in 1900. Tammany is fifth from left.

by Charles P. Freund

It came as quite a surprise last month when the building at 2109 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. fell to the wrecker's ball. The structure, one of Washington's oldest and most historic — if unrecognized — landmarks, dated from 1794, and was the last survivor of a historically significant row known as the Six Buildings. It is expected to be replaced by a movie theater.

Representatives of such groups as Don't Tear It Down, the Columbia Historical Society, and the Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Council (ANC 2A) expressed surprise and dismay at the sudden demolition. (A spokeswoman for the ANC said that the city presumably notified the Council as the law requires in demolitions, but that due to an administrative change-over in the ANC 2A offices, the notification was routinely filed away without notice.)

Paul Lobel, owner of Tammany Hall, the saloon that was the building's last occupant, observed that the 186 year old structure had severe maintenance problems, especially in the winter, but that even so he would have preferred to keep his operation there.

"We acquiesced with the owner's (the Circle Theater chain) request to vacate because they had been such good landlords through the years," he explained. "They had quietly refunded hundreds if not thousands of dollars to people who complained about the music coming through the walls of the Inner Circle from our place. So when they decided that they wanted to expand their theater operation, we certainly weren't going to fight them. I am sorry about the building, though. We'd all grown quite fond of it."

One of the few building projects to be completed in time for the arrival of the federal government in Washington in 1800, the buildings are often cited in surviving letters and diaries of early Senators and Congressmen as being among the first and only buildings of significance they saw upon entering Washington, and that they had little else to go by to visualize the capital city that was planned for the area.

Because the Six Buildings were among the few solid brick structures available (hardly 100 stood ready in the entire city when the government arrived), a significant portion of the federal establishment of the time housed itself in them.

The Six Buildings were, for example, the first separate offices of the Department of State and the first offices of the Navy Department under Benjamin Stoddert. When the Treasury Department's building was burned by the British in 1814, it took up offices in the row.

Even before the arrival of the government, however, the Six Buildings figured prominently in the city's activities. Begun by James Greenleaf, an important early speculator after whom Greenleaf Point is named, the Six

Buildings were the site of the first professional theatrical entertainment ever presented in Washington (1798).

Later, as the area around the buildings became the center of the city's diplomatic, military, and upper-class communities, the Six Buildings were the homes of such men as James Madison, Sam Houston, and many other locally and nationally prominent figures.

When these communities moved elsewhere, the Washington Circle area, known in the Post-Civil War era as "Round Tops," became a working class neighborhood and the home of a notorious street gang (the Round Tops) that gave the area a particularly bad reputation. Gradually, the Six Buildings were either converted to commercial use or torn down. By the mid-1930's only the building at 2109 remained.

The recent history of this last of the renowned Six Buildings is mottled. Reputedly the home in the Round Tops era of an illegal abortion clinic and later of a velvet wallpapered and Tiffany-lamped whorehouse, the building re-emerged into public respectability in the 1960's as the fondly-recalled restaurant, Billy's III, which gave way in the early 1970's to Tammany Hall, the popular campus-edge saloon that was its final occupant.

Although the building suffered a severe fire in 1863, a cursory examination by representatives of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1974 concluded that all visible walls, as well as the carriage house adjoining the building, were original.

The building was never designated either a national or a local landmark.

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ANC Meeting

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September FBA Meeting Enjoys a Look at the Past FBA Votes to Oppose Medical Clinic on Square 38

by Jean Abel

Our new season began with a trip backward in time. At the September meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, Perry Fisher, Executive Director, Columbia Historical Society, presented a slide show on Washington D.C. in the 1800s.

Industry was popular once in the District. Iron foundries, tanneries, dairies and a brewery were once part of industrial D.C.

The Heurich Brewery, formerly near Dupont Circle, was owned by Christian Heurich, whose home is now the Columbia Historical Society. The Heurich mansion, Washington's first fire-proof residence, was built in Romanesque style. It survived the wrecker's ball while others, including the Van Ness mansion and Thomas Carberry's mansion, were not so fortunate.

Government was always here. We saw varied sights of the White House and Capitol and views of the Washington Monument in progress. Perhaps the greatest surprise was a bucolic countryside complete with grazing cows in Southeast Washington, upper 16th St. and Georgia Ave. And don't be surprised if you uncover military relics while gardening, because Foggy Bottom was once a military encampment and horse corral.

Remaining from the "good old days" is the Canal House, now at 17th and Constitution Avenues, and a cast iron building at 807 Pennsylvania Ave. Those of you who complain about the condition of our streets, will be pleased to know the improvement is marked. Streets then were unpaved, had numerous potholes and were in generally poor condition.

The Columbia Historical Society is always looking for materials depicting early Washington and the changes it has undergone. Some popular sources are old scrapbooks, photos, newspapers, real estate promotional brochures, industry newsletters and business stationery. You might find some treasure in your attic which could be of interest in sorting our Washington's past. If so, the Columbia Historical Society warmly welcomes such gifts.

Following Mr. Fisher's presentation came the monthly FBA business meeting. Association President John Landgraf opened the meeting with a pitch for new members. Anne Lomas invited all present to the season's first social event, etc. Oktoberfest on Saturday Oct. 11. Volunteers were recruited to assist.

Eleanor Becker moved that the amendment to the bylaws, Article VI, Section 2 on the editorial com-

mittee be accepted. Karen Gordon seconded and the motion was passed.

The Foggy Bottom News still needs an advertising manager. Vice President Maureen Holscher has been carrying out the duties of ad manager since September and her efforts are greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in the position, may contact Kathy Haley or Maureen.

The "Volunteer Clearing House" has awarded the Foggy Bottom Association a certificate for outstanding volunteer service for its newspaper. All who've worked on the news were commended for their efforts.

Plans for Square 38 on the northwest side of Washington Circle were discussed at some length. Bob Charles suggested the FBA write a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment expressing dissatisfaction with the developer's plans to create a medical clinic in the building now under construction. Jon Nowick, ANC chairman, stated that the ANC initially took a strong stand against the proposed medical offices. The ANC has since, however, reached a compromise with the developer. (See story elsewhere in this issue.) The ANC

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Negotiating Continues over Red Lion Row

by Karen Gordon

Plans for the George Washington University's renovation of Red Lion Row and the construction of an office building on the 2000 block of I Street, N.W. (Square 101) are moving along. FBA members of a Special Red Lion Row Committee (which includes the FBA, ANC 2A and the West End Citizens Association) have met with GWU officials, their architects, planners and lawyers throughout the summer and fall to discuss the proposed development, which includes a new 11-story building behind the existing town houses, preservation of the townhouses and a shopping galleria with approximately 40,000 square feet of retail and service establishments.

That the University not be permitted to transfer development rights from the project's common service area to another part of the square;

that the University pursue other solutions for the design of the building entrance and the University gateway; and

that the townhouses be preserved to a depth of at least 30 feet.

There are other issues which the Committee has discussed over the year of meetings with the University, many of which have been resolved. We hope that the above issues and others which may arise during the many meetings and hearings with governmental organizations which will follow can be resolved.

The University has applied for a zoning change and a planned unit development, an alley closing and a preliminary project review by the Joint Committee on Landmarks. The Joint Committee on Landmarks will consider the project on October 23 and the Zoning Commission hearing has been scheduled for December 8.

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ANC News from A to Z

ANC NEWS—What is happening in Foggy Bottom-West End. What Happened This September.

Addition of stop-signs at 22nd & H, and 22nd & I Streets, N.W. — Commissioner Levy proposed Resolution 0-#4, seconded by Commissioner Nowick, which would give the George Washington University the support of the ANC in its request before the D.C. D.O.T. for 4-way stop-signs at 22nd & H, and 22nd & I Streets, N.W. Included within this Resolution is a statement neither supporting nor objecting to the further request of the University for striping two west-bound lanes on H & I Streets between 22nd & 23rd Streets. Levy further suggested that a study of the situation be conducted.

G W.U. Academic Cluster — A University representative put for a request for support before the BZA to begin daily construction at 7 A.M. instead of the usual 7:30 A.M. for the duration of the month of September. Due to the intensive heat experienced by the city over the past few months, construction has been delayed approximately 2 months, according to the University spokesman. Commissioner Levy proposed Resolution 0-#3 in opposition to the request for support. The Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, passed 6-0.

Housing — Commissioner Nowick reported on the current status of the Condominium conversion and hotel conversion legislation. Nowick stated that both of these acts were likely to become law later this week, having overcome any Congressional hurdles. Nowick added that the current rent control law would remain in effect until April 1981, during which time the City Council would prepare new rent control legislation. A public discussion followed, in which the commissioners and tenants association officials Robert Alcorn and Jenny Brake answered questions about the content of the regulations.

Nomination of Lila Roper — Ms. Roper was nominated and elected, by a vote of 5-1, to the position of Commissioner Tyler's Special Assistant in accordance with Resolution H-#7 of May 6, 1980.

Parking on 1100 Block of New Hampshire Avenue — Commissioner Levy proposed a resolution to make parking and traffic changes in the 1100 block of New Hampshire Avenue and to "communicate this position to the D.C. Department of Transportation." The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Molinelli and passed 4-1:

- 1) We strongly recommend that residential parking signs be posted on the west side of the Avenue.
- 2) Some parking spaces be created for residents on the east side of the Avenue.
- 3) Angle-parking should be installed on the west side of the Avenue.
- 4) Traffic should be maintained as one-way northeast bound.
- 5) To avoid a continuation of traffic going the wrong way down New Hampshire, the green light for traffic north of M Street (facing southwest) should be changed to a green arrow and at least one additional "DO NOT ENTER" sign should be posted to supplement the existing sign which is all the way at the eastern edge of the M & New Hampshire intersection.
- 6) Signs be posted for traffic at that intersection to yield to pedestrians.

Red Lion Row — Karen Gordon, of the ANC's Red Lion Row Committee, related to the commissioners the development of the George Washington University's application for a 1-step Planned Unit Development (PUD). Gordon added that the University is seeking the ANC's support of their application — explaining that if G.W.U. is granted the 1-step PUD, no BZA review will be included in the PUD process. Taking her presentation one step further, Gordon advised the ANC not to take action either for or against the University's request before notification of the issue to the public. The ANC informally resolved to take no further action upon the issue.

Sherry Towers — An application for a cafe liquor license by Sherry Towers, at 2116 F Street, was discussed. Commissioner Levy, voicing opposition to approval of the application, stated the material represented on the application was invalid. ANC approval was denied.

Square 38 (Washington Circle Medical Clinic) — See story elsewhere in this issue.

Transportation — In bringing government to the public, Commissioner Feldman introduced Mr. David Devine of the D.C. Department of Transportation, who spoke of the consequences of right turns on red in the District. Recognizing the general opposition to the new statute throughout the Foggy Bottom and West End area, Mr. Devine proposed that residents specify which locations were detrimental to the good intentions of the mandate. Commissioner Feldman will report further on this issue at the next business meeting of the ANC.

Foggy Bottom News

Small is Beautiful

by Kathie McCleskey

One of the advantages of living in the District is easy access to cultural events. In Foggy Bottom, the Kennedy Center is just a walk away. There are smaller homegrown theatre groups and cultural events that are no further away than a taxi cab ride or a short Metro trip from Foggy Bottom. These small, but beautiful groups make D.C. a lively and liveable place to be.

Studio Theatre (1401 Church St., N.W.) is definitely a taxi ride away. Although the theatre is in its third full theatre season, it recently moved into new digs right around the corner from the lights and action of 14th street. Don't let that put you off. Studio Theatre is a solid repertory theatre with both classic and contemporary productions. The acting conservatory, which features classes in realistic acting, Shakespearean acting and Greek tragedy, accepts beginning and advanced students. Not surprisingly, these students turn up in the casts of many productions.

This season's opening production, MEDEA by Euripides, is a fine example of traditional Greek tragedy. The story of a wife's revenge upon her wayward husband features two professional performers and a strong amateur supporting cast. Since the stage area is small, the production is an intimate one, if you can call a play about the big issues of life, love, hate, revenge, and death an intimate play. The closeness of the audience to the actors, though, allows a more subtle interpretation at times. For instance, is there a fleeting proposition offered and nicely rejected during a scene between Medea, the wronged wife and Aegeus, an old friend? Maybe and maybe not. Mikel Lambert, who acts and directs at Folger Theater and has studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, is wonderful as Medea, with a voice that makes the most implausible situations plausible. Or are they implausible? Richard Hart, as the messenger of really bad news, is excellent. This production of MEDEA ends the 26th of October.

The rest of Studio Theatre's season features Commedia Dell'Arte — a slapstick, boisterous style of acting in SCAPIN by Moliere, December 4-28; Chekhovian realism in UNCLE VANYA by Anton Chekov, March 5-29; and finishes with French Expressionism in ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE by Jean Anouilh, May 14 - June 7.

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Correction

The "Memories of the Bottom" cook book is available through Maureen Mosher at 2515 K St. N.W., not 2514 K, as reported in the September issue.

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Washington Circle Clinic Controversy

Jon Nowick
ANC Chairman

Those people who could not attend the last FBA meeting missed, among other things, a lively discussion about the new Chancellor condominium going up on the northwest side of Washington Circle. During the past several months, the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A) has opposed efforts by Circle Associates developers to install a medical clinic in that building. Recently, however, the ANC withdrew its opposition to the clinic in exchange for an agreement with the developers regulating its size and placement.

The FBA, which previously had not been involved in this controversy, took a stand at its recent meeting. It voted to oppose the clinic. It will testify against it when the issue comes before the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on October 15.

The FBA's position, adopted independently of the ANC, does not affect the terms of the ANC's understanding with the developers. Any limits on the clinic which the developers have promised would still apply if the BZA approves the clinic. Nonetheless, the positions of the two neighborhood groups are somewhat different, and I would like to shed some light on them by tracing the background of this case and its implications.

The Washington Circle (Square 38) case began in 1979, when Circle Associates sued the ANC for

taking out an historic landmark application for the northwest block of Washington Circle — a block bounded by 23rd Street, L Street, 24th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The ANC settled the lawsuit with an agreement which allowed the ANC to continue with its landmark application. (This application eventually was successful; virtually the whole block is now a landmark.) At the same time, it allowed Circle Associates to build a condominium on the block, although it required the design to be radically changed. The original design was massive and box-like; the new one follows the height of the townhouses along the Circle and rises to its full height in the rear.

This agreement seemed to settle the controversy, until last June, when Circle Associates told the ANC that the project had run into financial problems and that it needed to sell several floors as a medical clinic to break even. A clinic, it said, is a matter of right use in that zone. Moreover, it asserted that the 1979 agreement with the ANC governed the design but not the use of the building.

Although a clinic is a matter of right use in that zone (and clinics exist in such other buildings as Potomac Plaza Terraces and the Carriage House), the ANC took issue with this interpretation at its public meeting of July 1. It maintained that its agreement with Circle Associates — and in effect all

the zoning variances needed to build the condo — was based on the premise that the whole building would be used for housing. The ANC urged the city authorities to reject any change in the use.

Following this ANC decision, Circle Associates formally applied to the BZA for a clinic, expanding its request to include an even larger part of the condo. The ANC's attorney, David Bonderman of Arnold & Porter, went before that zoning board and objected to this application. The BZA scheduled a public hearing for October 15 to resolve the dispute.

The ANC Commissioners met with Bonderman after his appearance before the BZA to discuss the prospects for the October 15 hearing. They weighed the relative strength of their case and the apparent leanings of each BZA member. Most of the Commissioners saw a number of grounds for pessimism, and they asked Bonderman to continue his talks with the developers to see if there was any room for compromise.

At a special ANC public meeting on September 16, Bonderman presented a draft agreement with Circle Associates to the ANC and the community. Circle Associates' application to the BZA called for installing a clinic in about one-half of the

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Tour Buses on 25th Street

The Struggle Continues

Tour buses remain a daily problem for Foggy Bottom residents in the vicinity of the River Inn Hotel at 924 25th St. Since mid-1978, residents have complained to the D.C. Department of Transportation about increasing traffic violations, blocked streets, noise and air pollution created by tour buses serving the hotel.

Last month, DOT responded to the neighborhood's campaign of protest by initiating an emergency order banning buses on some streets in the area but allowing them on others. The plan resulted from a series of meetings involving representatives of the River Inn, DC/DOT, Ward 2 Councilmember John Wilson, Council Transportation Committee Chairman Jerry Moore and concerned members of the affected community.

The emergency rules are in effect from September 16, 1980 to January 14, 1981. Their effect, in essence, is that during the day from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. buses may go to the River Inn only by proceeding west along "I" St. from 24th to 26th St., thence along 26th St. to Queen Ann's Lane, thence to that alley part of Hughes Mews along side of the River Inn Hotel (for the sole purpose of momentarily loading and unloading passengers and cargo) — and leaving the neighborhood by 25th St. toward "I" and at "I" heading to 24th St. and New Hampshire Ave.

Thus, during the day, there is a

definite route the buses must follow. In the evening, from 6:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., buses may park on Virginia Ave. (up from Howard Johnson's) or on K St. (alongside St. Paul's Church). There is a total ban on buses in the neighborhood during the evening hours.

Commenting on the experimental plan, ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler said: "DOT has acted professionally in initiating a study of our problem. It is now up to us to provide DOT with evidence that a total ban on tour busses is necessary to preserve the residential quality of our tiny community.

According to Ms. Tyler and other area residents, busses obeyed the new rules for a short time following their initiation. Now, however, residents are recording as many as six violations every day. "One of the problems with the plan is that it's unenforceable," commented Ms. Tyler. "A policeman on duty 24 hours a day could enforce the plan, but the police department cannot afford to provide such a service."

Residents are notifying police whenever violations occur. They are also maintaining a log of incidents to present to DOT at the end of the experiment.

"It is important to emphasize that the new regulations are experimental," said FBA Board Member Bob Charles. "It is up to the community to present to DC/DOT in January 1981

whether we want to accept, reject or revise the temporary plan." Mr. Charles recommends that residents call the police, not DOT when they witness a violation of the current rules. The police department is keeping records of violations by buses. The DOT is accepting written commentary on the experimental rules from citizens.

Ms. Tyler is urging affected citizens to contact Mr. Clark about their views of the current experimental plan. "He can't take further action between now and January 14 unless he receives feedback from affected residents," she said. "If residents do not keep him informed of bus traffic incidents, he will have no alternative but to assume that the situation is under control and make the emergency ruling permanent."

Anyone wishing copies of the regulations (Director's Order No. 80-128) may obtain them by writing to DC/DOT, Room 704, 613 "G" St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Anyone wishing to comment on the rules while they are in effect, may do so by writing to James E. Clark, Acting Director, DC/DOT at 415 12th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the residents' fight against tour buses or anyone wishing to offer assistance to those leading the protest campaign, may contact Maria Tyler at 337-7896 or her special assistant, Lila Roper at 296-7692.

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Weekend Outings

Over the slow summer months I discovered a number of enjoyable outings for those with no car and little to spend. Among my favorite "freebee" discoveries is the Mount Vernon Trail to National Airport. It is a pleasant moderate walk (8 miles from Foggy Bottom to the airport and back) on practically level, paved terrain. It took me about an hour each way to walk it. I started out by Thompson's boathouse on Virginia Avenue and Rock Creek Parkway and followed the trail along the river to Memorial Bridge. I walked across the bridge and picked up the trail at the other end. The narrow paved trail twists and turns as it follows the course of the river. It was hard to believe I was in the city with the river on my left and rolling green hills and thick clusters of trees on my right.

In the course of my walk, I passed Lady Bird Johnson Park, where the smell of charcoal-roasting hotdogs wafted through the warm late afternoon air mingled with the fresh acrid smell of pine. A mile further on, I passed the Navy-Marine Memorial, a wired compendium of brass clusters of wings floating above a frozen metallic wave. The wave was mounted on an earthen hump surrounded by flame-red Santa and golden yellow mums. Shortly thereafter, the path jogged sharply upwards and to the right, bringing me right next to the roar of automobiles speeding along G.W. Parkway. Mercifully, the path dipped downwards again and to

the left, leaving behind the unwelcome roar of man's machines. I then passed under the 14th St. bridge and an ancient rusted railroad trestle. Unfortunately, no trains were passing by at that time. I heard a deafening roar and looked up to see the underside of a 727 passing less than 300 feet over my head. My pulse quickened as I realized every step I took forward narrowed the gap between my head and the massive jets. The terrain now stretched green and nearly treeless for 1/4 mile to my right. The airport landing strip was almost in sight.

Once I reached the airport, I was surprised at the large crowd of people spread out among their bicycles on the grass, picnicking and raptly watching the planes float towards the landing strip. Four portable potties were lined on the grass and a Good Humor truck sold its wares in the large adjoining parking lot. There were picnic facilities here as well as a launching ramp for boats. I stayed for 45 minutes watching planes land and take off less than 400 feet away.

The trail doesn't end at the airport; it continues on for another 14 miles to Mt. Vernon. One of these cool sunny Saturdays, I hope to rise early and take the trek to the path's end.

A few weeks ago, I was hit by the "wanderlust" and decided to visit Washington's sister city, Baltimore. Although I don't have

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a car, the trip was easy and convenient. Amtrak runs trains from Union Station to Baltimore Penn Station hourly on the weekends to the tune of \$13 roundtrip.

After a 48-minute trip, I arrived at Penn Station, a gracefully aging reminder of days past when railroad was king. The points of interest I planned to visit were the Inner Harbor and the B&O Railroad Museum. Both of these spots were within walking distance of Penn Station: (1 1/2 miles to Inner Harbor and 2 1/4 miles to the museum).

After a 2 1/4 mile walk past Victorian brownstones and little shops, I arrived at the B&O Museum, housed in original Mount Clare Station, the nation's first railroad depot and the huge roundhouse originally used for storage and repair of locomotives. I spent an enjoyable hour looking at the huge collection of original locomotives dating back as far as 1930 housed in the roundhouse.

As hunger began to gnaw at me, I followed the signs to the outdoor snack bar housed in an old dining car. Although expensive (\$2.10 for a pepsi and a plain hamburger) the setting was quaint and the hamburger tasted good.

I then toured the locomotive collection resting on several tracks that crisscross the grounds. The second floor of the depot contains an extensive model train that is run every half hour and an exhibit of rare clocks and watches, original telegraph devices, and models of the original trestle bridges. The museum is open Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is \$1.50.

Wanted: New Members

Potomac Toastmistress Club is seeking new members. It is a non-profit, educational organization under International Toastmistress Clubs, headquartered in California.

Potomac Toastmistress Club was first organized in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where Catherine C. Doherty, now deceased, first became interested in speakers' training. Back in 1954, she saw a notice from the Potomac Toastmasters seeking new members. When she responded to their ad, she learned that the club was "for men only".

A short time later, the USDA Employees Activities Office offered to contact International Toastmistress Clubs (ITC), headquartered in California, for information on forming a women's group. In the meantime, word got around that a speaking club "for women only" was in the making; and many expressed a desire to join. One of those women, Irma Reel, is still an honored charter member, actively supporting ITC programs at all levels in the organization.

After an ITC representative from Pittsburgh helped get the club going, more effort continued from April to December 1954. Then, Charter #664 was granted to the club by ITC on March 1, 1955. As a tribute to the early interest sparked by the Potomac Toastmasters, the new club, headed by Catherine Doherty as its Charter President, named itself Potomac Toastmistress Club.

International Toastmistress Clubs was founded in 1938 under the guidance of Ernestine White,

who foresaw the emergence of women as a motivating force in business, government and community service. It is a nonprofit educational organization with members in all 50 states and throughout the world. Toastmistress Clubs in an area form themselves into Councils, Councils into Regions, and all are embraced by the international organization.

Potomac Toastmistress Club meets twice monthly. Each part of the program is a training exercise.

Several members speak on subjects of their choice. A topic-mistress assigns short impromptu talks. An evaluator concludes the program with a critical analysis of the meeting suggesting improvements and commending progress. This, too, is a training exercise in listening and tact. Round table and panel discussions, debates, book reviews, workshops, and other types of programs vary the pattern.

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“Taylor-Made”



Foggy Bottomites and other friends are the subjects of an exhibit by Foggy Bottom portrait photographer Mary Taylor opening at the Intuitiveye Gallery on November 11.

Taylor, a professional journalist, has also drawn on her fourth estate colleagues for subjects to be shown at the downtown gallery. Included in the show are portraits of the *Post's* William Raspberry, the *Star's* Jack Germond and Karen De Witt of the *New York Times*.

Olga Corey, Lillian Pilzer and Carey Spear are among the neighbors Foggy Bottomites will recognize in the exhibit.

The opening will be from 4-6 p.m. on November 11 at the Intuitiveye Gallery, 641 Indiana Avenue, N.W. The show runs through December 5.

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Square Dance!

Swing your partner and “doe see doe!” The second annual square dance and dinner to benefit Iona House, a community organization which helps Senior Citizens, is set for Saturday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m. in Mazza Gallerie, Western and Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase. Square dance caller Maurice Flowers and his “Plus 3 Band” will lead the dancing. The fund-raiser includes a silent auction, a catered dinner and a live auction to be hosted by WMAL radio personality Chris Core.

Tickets are \$35 per couple; \$20 for one person and \$15 for senior citizens. Call Iona House, 966-1055, for more information.

Lectures On China

The U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association invites you to attend an educational program at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library (9th & G Streets, N.W.), Room A-5, Thursday, October 30th at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Molly Schuchat will speak on “Daily Life In Shanghai.”

Dr. Schuchat, an anthropologist, has been to the PRC three times, most recently on an independent visit to her son, who teaches English at Fudan University in Shanghai. The trip provided a unique opportunity for close personal contact with Chinese; visiting them in their homes, spending time with them and observing them in their daily life.

Voter's Guide

The D.C. League of Women Voters guide on local candidates and on the issues of gambling and D.C. statehood is now available. The guide can be obtained from public libraries, the Municipal and District Buildings and from the League office at 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. It will also be published in the Washington Star on October 29.

The League has asked pertinent questions of the three candidates who are running for Congressional delegate, the seven candidates running for the two at-large seats on the District Council and the candidates for Council seats in Wards 2, 4, 7, 8. Their unedited replies are included in the guide.

League volunteers have also done extensive research on the two initiative issues that voters will decide at the November 4 election: whether to legalize certain types of gambling and whether to approve specific procedures for getting statehood for the District.

The guide reproduces the actual ballots on these issues, gives factual explanations of the provisions and includes a report of the arguments for and against both issues.

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Photographs From Space

“Exploration of the Planets,” an exhibit of photographs taken during recent planetary flights, will be on view until January 2 at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), 21st and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The photographs, many of which have been blown up to 5' x 6', were all taken by spacecraft or astronauts on flights undertaken by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Computer processing was used to enhance the images which were photographed on several expeditions by Apollos 8, 12, and 17, Pioneer 11, Mariner 10, Pioneer Venus, Viking and Voyager. Included are shots of the Jovian moon Europa, volcanos on Io, Vallis Marineris, the Martian Grand Canyon, the far side of the moon—not visible from Earth, Jupiter and its moons, a spectacular solar flare, and Venus photographed from Pioneer Venus 1.

Also in the exhibit are two paintings by New Mexico artist Wilson Hurley interpreting Pioneer 11's encounter with the ringed planet Saturn. A descriptive catalogue accompanies the photographs.

The exhibit, a joint presentation of the NAS Arts-in-the-Academy program and NASA, may be seen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the first floor gallery at the NAS. There is no admission charge.

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FBA Meeting

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feared the developer might exercise his right to convert the entire building to medical offices. Under the compromise, only thirty percent or the second through fourth floors, will be developed as offices.

Foggy Bottom residents expressed concern over the encroachment of residential areas by commercial development. Eleanor Becker summarized the group's feelings by moving that a "letter be written and personal appearance be made before the Board of Zoning Adjustment to protest a medical clinic on Square 38." Isabel Geppert seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The board of zoning adjustment will also hear the developers' request to operate a hotel at the Sherry and Michele Towers and to build a bridge between the two buildings. Case 79-1 as it is known will be heard at the District Building, Room 11A, at 2 p.m. on Oct. 1. Paul Winick moved that the FBA vigorously oppose legal action making the Sherry and Michele Towers an apartment hotel. Maureen Holscher seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The development of Red Lion Row is still being negotiated. John Landgraf reported that representatives from the Foggy Bottom Association have met with the architects to voice several objections to present plans. (See story elsewhere in this issue.)

Two announcements concluded the FBA September meeting. The ANC is conducting a voter registration drive and needs volunteers to bring materials to apartment buildings. The Riverside Towers at 22nd and Virginia Aves. is building a restaurant and has petitioned for a liquor license.

Toast Mistress

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Prospective members and guests are invited to attend a dinner meeting every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. at the Army/Navy Club 17th and Eye Sts., N.W. Interested residents of Foggy Bottom may call 872-4528 for more information.

News From Queen Anne's Lane

There has been much happening on Queen Anne's Lane these last few months. Of interest to Foggy Bottom residents are a few items:

Lesley Latter and Michael R. Arietti were recently married. Lesley is with the British Embassy and Michael is with the U.S. Department of State. Lesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Latter, came from London to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reintzel moved to the Lane. He is with Imperial Produce and Susan is employed in our area also.

Wiley Chambers returned from summering in Connecticut. He has resumed his studies at GWU's School of Medicine. Also back in the same school is Kevin McConnell.

Barbara M. Watson, former Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, has been sworn in as the new U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia. She has now temporarily left the Lane and is carrying out her duties in Kuala Lumpur.

The latest arrivals in our little block are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Levinson. Warren and Barbara have recently moved here from San Francisco. Welcome.

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Clinic Controversy

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whole project; the agreement reduces its size to about 30 percent. The application called for clinic use in the gutted townhouses and virtually all the new construction facing Washington Circle and 23rd Street; the agreement says the townhouses will be residential, as will be the whole first floor of the new building facing the Circle and 23rd street. The clinic would be limited to the second, third and fourth floors of the new building, with some additional space in the basement and back of the first floor. The condo documents would prohibit any further clinic expansion.

In the discussion which followed at the meeting, the ANC Commissioners and members of the public aired various opinions about the compromise. Commissioner Howard Feldman questioned whether any agreement between the ANC and Circle Associates — or for that matter any developer — is appropriate and enforceable and urged the ANC to continue to contest the case before the BZA. Similar views were expressed by Commissioner Jimmy Molinelli, who warned that should the BZA not honor the first agreement, any new agreements also would not be honored. He said that it was better to go down fighting than to compromise.

Commissioners Joe Miller, Lou Rigdon, Steve Levy and Jon Nowick differed. Each expressed misgivings about having even a scaled-down clinic, but argued that the risk of losing the case before the BZA far outweighed the chances of winning. Some voiced concern that the BZA could easily allow the whole building to be used as a clinic, since a clinic is a matter of right use and there was no explicit prohibition on a clinic in the original agreement. Therefore, they argued that a damage limitation strategy in adopting the agreement was the best and most realistic course of action available to the ANC. Levy and Nowick added that they were prepared to sue Circle Associates if the agreement were not honored.

The vote was 4-2 for the agreement. Commissioners Miller, Rigdon, Levy and Nowick were in favor; Feldman and Molinelli were opposed; Commissioner Maria Tyler was not present.

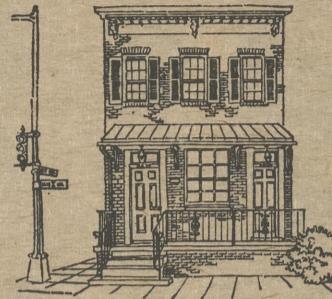
At the October 15 BZA hearing, FBA Board member Robert Charles will defend the FBA's position that no clinic should be permitted in the Chancellor condominium. If the BZA rules against a clinic, Circle Associates would be bound by this ruling regardless of any separate understanding with the ANC. If the BZA permits the clinic, Circle Associates has agreed to limit its size and placement according to the compromise understanding.

The Chancellor clinic issue and other issues affecting our neighborhood will be discussed at the next FBA meeting on October 27 and the next ANC meeting to be held Monday, November 3, at 8 P.M., at the Red Cross Building auditorium, 2025 E Street. Come to these meetings and express your views.

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